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1. On 4 March 1952, the Minister for Trade and Supply, Dr. Karl Hamann, submitted to Heinrich Rau, Chairman of DDR State Planning Commission, a request to change the deadline for the release of state rye and wheat reserves from 15 July 1952 to 1 April 1952. This request for additional grain supply was motivated by the fact that provisioning of the populace in the second quarter of 1952 had been made difficult because present grain stocks in state storage installations have been blocked; also, because grain stocks are not stored near areas with the greatest demand. Thus the state procurement and purchasing organizations (Volkseigene Erfassungs- und Aufkaufbetriebe) (VEAB) have incurred unnecessary expenses. Furthermore, an unnecessary burden has been placed on the transportation facilities. Also to be considered is the fact that by 23 June 1952, the date of procurement and collection for 1952 (Tag der Erfassungs- und Aufnahmebereitschaft 1952) all preparatory arrangements for the annual procurement of grain for all silos and storage depots will have to be completed. In order to carry out the procurement program as smoothly as possible, it is necessary to move stored grain stocks from the VEAB's to production and processing plants. The following steps were suggested for overcoming existing grain provisioning difficulties:
 - a. In the event that the grain stocks of the VEAB's do not suffice to cover the food requirements of the various districts (Kreise) for the second quarter of 1952, state reserves are to be used after 1 April 1952 to make up any deficiencies in supply. Grain not directly needed for provisioning in the second quarter is to be retained as controlled state reserves.
 - b. In order to implement the provisioning of the population until the new crop has been harvested, 192,000 tons of rye and 100,000 tons of wheat are to be released from state grain reserves.
 - c. Replenishment of state reserves with newly harvested grain will take place in the fourth quarter of 1952.

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